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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: PRESIDENT NAZARBAYEV SIGNS DECREE ON CTR
AGREEMENT

11. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

12. (SBU) Deputy Foreign Minister Sarybay called in the Ambassador on October 15 to inform him that President Nazarbayev had signed a decree on the amended Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Umbrella Agreement under which the Kazakhstani government recognizes provisional application of the Agreement from the date of its signature -- i.e., from December 13, 2007. (NOTE: In a brief meeting with State Secretary Saudabayev on October 14, the Ambassador had pressed for this action to be taken by our October 15 deadline. END NOTE.) Sarybay handed the Ambassador an aide memoire in English confirming Kazakhstan's provisional recognition and proposing that consultations be held on the implementation of the Umbrella Agreement and on developing a "new agreement" on biological threat cooperation. Para 3 provides the full text of the aide memoire.

13. (SBU) BEGIN TEXT

Aide Memoire

Astana, October 15. 2008

President Nursultan Nazarbayev signed the Decree confirming Ambassador Yerlan Idrissov's signature under the Amendment to Agreement between the Government of Kazakhstan and Government of the United States concerning the Destruction of Silo Launchers of ICBM, Emergency Response and the Prevention of the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (referred to henceforth as Umbrella Agreement) done on December 13, 2007, in Washington, DC.

In accordance with the provision of the Amendment, the Amendment shall be applied provisionally from the date of signature, shall enter into force on the date of the receipt by the Government of the United States of America of written notification from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan that it has completed the internal governmental procedures necessary for entry into force, and shall apply from the date the Agreement entered into force.

The Government of Kazakhstan proposes to hold consultations concerning development of new agreement on cooperation in biological sphere, relevant amendments and other issues connected to implementation of the Umbrella Agreement.

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